

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 13, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1825 - HB 1835**

This bill, if enacted, extends the power of the Carroll County Watershed Authority to perform its powers and duties in all areas of the county. Currently, the authority is empowered to develop only the Beaver Creek watershed. The bill will also allow the authority to recommend channelization of streams and rivers within all of Carroll County. This bill is subject to approval by a 2/3 vote of the Carroll County Commission before September 1, 1995.

The fiscal impact on local governments from enactment of this bill in and of itself is estimated to be minimal since the provisions of the bill are permissive.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in first year local government expenditures to the extent the authority purchases land, issues bonds and develops shorelines which would not have occurred in the absence of the bill. A reasonable estimate of the increased cost cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000 in the long run.

The enactment of this bill is also estimated to be a decrease in state and local government revenue to the extent land is exempt from taxes which would have been paid in the absence of this bill. A reasonable estimate of the decrease in state and local revenues cannot be determined but are estimated not to be significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director